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To whom this may concern,

Hi. My name is Sean Finney. I am 20 years old and live in Stanwood, WA. I will try to make this as short as possible. I've been building PCs since the age of 13. I have always used Microsoft products and have been pleased with the overall quality of them. The one thing I'd like to see is a 'bare bone' version of their operating systems without add-ons (internet explorer, outlook express, windows media player, and other applications that are poised to compete in an open market with many others that are not pre-installed with Microsoft operating systems). I also do not know why their products cost so much, and why other software developers do not have the same sort of 'source code' access that internal Microsoft programming departments behind the pre-installed applications have. Since there are many other firms trying to gain access in the same space as Microsoft they should have the same chances to succeed. At a very BASIC level this is the same thing as equal rights! Remember that when making the decision to either let Microsoft keep their edge on all the competition or to level the playing field.

Thank you for your time,

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